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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN AMSTERDAM SERVICE

REF. BERLIN 0863

1. AT 1315 LOCAL MAY 18, ACTING CHIEF SOVIET ELEMENT
BASC DELIVERED FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT TO ALLIED
CHIEFS. (MISSION TRANSLATION):

QUOTE: IN VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENTS AND ESTABLISHED
RULES CONCERNING THE USE OF THE AIR CORRIDORS OVER
THE TERRITORY OF THE GDR, PANAM INTENDS TO CONDUCT
REGULAR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS OF ITS AIRCRAFT BETWEEN
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WEST BERLIN AND AMSTERDAM.

" THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT SUCH FLIGHTS MAY BE MADE ONLY UPON AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPETENT GDR AUTHORITIES.

" IN VIEW OF THIS, THE SAFETY OF SUCH FLIGHTS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED, AND THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES WILL REST WITH THE PARTY PERMITTING VIOLATION OF THE REGIME OF THE AIR CORRIDORS, WHICH, AS IS WELL KNOWN, WERE DESIGNATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE THREE POWER OCCUPATION TROOPS IN WEST BERLIN.

END QUOTE.

2. SOVIET STATEMENT IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THOSE THEY HAVE DELIVERED IN THE PAST WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AND, IN OUR VIEW, IS INTENDED MERELY AS REITERATION FOR THE RECORD OF THEIR LONG HELD POSITION. INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET ACTING CHIEF FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF STATEMENT TENDS TO CONFIRM THAT VIEW.

3. WE ARE RECOMMENDING TO BRITISH AND FRENCH MISSIONS THAT WESTERN CHIEFS CALL IN SOVIET COUNTERPART OVER WEEKEND AND DELIVER FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT WHICH IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THAT USED IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES BY U. S. CHIEF ON MARCH 20, 1964;

QUOTE: WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR ORAL STATEMENT OF 1215 ZULU MAY 18, WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT ALLIED AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO FLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH QUADRIPARTITELY AGREED RULES AND ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES ON FLIGHT PLANS PROPERLY FILED IN THE BASC AND PASSED TO THE SOVIET ELEMENT FOR ITS INFORMATION. WE WILL HOLD THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF FLIGHT OF THESE AIRCRAFT IN THE BERLIN CONTROL ZONE AND AIR CORRIDORS. UNQUOTE.

4. IF SOVIETS CONFINE THEIR RESPONSE TO ACTUAL FLIGHTS TO AFFIXING " SAFETY OF FLIGHT NOT GUARANTEED" STAMPS WE WILL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESENT PRACTICE, IGNORE IT.
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IF THEIR CONTROLLERS GO BEYOND THAT AND MAKE OBSERVATIONS OR STATEMENTS OUR DUTY CONTROLLERS WILL RESPOND ALONG LINES PARA 3.

5. USCOB CONCURS. KLEIN

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